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SUBJECT: JAPANESE INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

REF: A)USUN 2216 (NOTAL), B)LONDON 11834 (NOTAL)

1. WE NOTE REPORT (REFTEL) OF JAPANESE ACTIONS IN
ANTICIPATION OF PRESSURES FOR STRICTER ENFORCEMENT

OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA AND TAKE THIS AS INDICATING THAT TOKYO MAY BE TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT ITS INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. REPORT IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING BECAUSE JAPAN COMMONLY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THE MAJOR TRADING NATIONS LEAST ZEALOUS IN ENFORCING SANCTIONS.

2. AT CONFIDENTIAL BILATERAL TALKS WE HELD WITH UK JUNE 28 AND 29 ON SANCTIONS, THOUGHT WAS GIVEN TO WHAT MEASURES THE U.S. AND UK COULD TAKE, EITHER THROUGH SEPARATE OR JOINT DEMARCHES, TO PERSUADE JAPAN AND OTHERS TO INSIST THAT THEIR COMPANIES SCRUPULOUSLY ADHERE TO SANCTIONS. AN ADDITIONAL OPTION IDENTIFIED WAS DEVELOPMENT OF A "CORE GROUP" OF MAJOR TRADING NATIONS WHOSE PURPOSE WOULD BE TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SANCTIONS ENFORCEMENT. JAPAN (AND OTHER MAJOR TRADING NATIONS, SUCH AS THE FRG AND

FRANCE) WOULD BE ASKED TO JOIN. OUR EXPECTATION IS THAT JAPAN WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO DECLINE TO JOIN AND THAT GROUP PRESSURE ON JAPAN TO COOPERATE EFFECTIVELY IN IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONALLY ESTABLISHED OBJECTIVES COULD PROVIDE RESULTS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN BILATERAL EFFORTS.

3. FOR USUN: WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS
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ON CORE GROUP IDEA. THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO YOUR DISCUSSING IT WITH UKUN.

4. FOR TOKYO: WE WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY'S VIEWS (WITHOUT APPROACHING GOJ) ON WHETHER THE CORE GROUP TECHNIQUE MIGHT BE EFFECTIVE IN GAINING MORE SCRUPULOUS JAPANESE ADHERENCE TO SANCTIONS.

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